

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application for Reissue of

Patent No.: 6,006,959

Issued: December 28, 1999

Patentees: Mark Naden, et al.

Assignee: WKI Holding Company, Inc.

Title: TEA KETTLE

REISSUE DECLARATION AND
POWER OF ATTORNEY OF INVENTORS

As below named inventors, we declare as follows:

1. Our residences, post office addresses and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.
2. We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is described and claimed in U.S. patent no. 6,006,959 (the "Original Patent") and in the above-captioned application for reissue of the Original Patent.
3. We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-captioned application, including the claims.
4. We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56(a).
5. The original patent is inoperative or invalid by reason of our claiming less than we had a right to claim in the Original Patent.

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6. Specifically, we claimed less than we had a right to claim in that at least claim 1 of the Original Patent is unduly narrow in reciting: a kettle having a spout "lid" coupled to a body for "rotation about a first axis" between a closed position wherein it "covers" the spout opening and an open position wherein it is "spaced from" the opening; that the kettle includes a handle coupled to the body for rotation about "a second" axis and "engageably" coupled to the "lid" to cause movement of the "lid." Accordingly, a new independent claim 23 has been added, which is similar to claim 1, except that it deletes the above-quoted limitations and substitutes therefor reference to a spout "closure member" which is coupled to the body for "movement" between the closed position wherein the "closure member closes" the opening and an open position wherein the "closure member uncloses" the opening, and specifies that the handle is rotatable about "an" axis and is coupled to the "closure member" for effecting movement thereof.

7. All errors which are being corrected in this application, including the foregoing errors, occurred without any deceptive intent on our part.

8. On behalf of our assignee, and not on our own behalf, we appoint Seyfarth Shaw, and each and every member and associate thereof and patent agent therein, including Harold V. Stotland (Reg. No. 24,492), J. Terry Stratman (Reg. No. 25,165), Alan L. Unikel (Reg. No. 24,142), George H. Gerstman (Reg. No. 22,419), Garrettson Ellis (Reg. No. 22,792), William J. Hallihan (Reg. No. 39,210) and David L. Newman (37,196) as attorneys, with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the patent, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

9. We request that all correspondence in respect to this application be directed to Harold V. Stotland, Seyfarth Shaw, 55 East Monroe Street, Suite 4200 Chicago, Illinois 60603-5803, whose telephone number is 312-346-8000.

10. All statements made herein of our own knowledge are true, all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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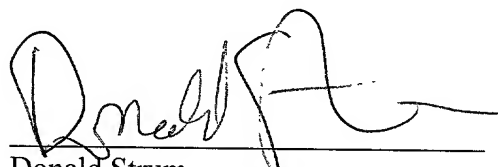
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OFFER TO SURRENDER AND ASSENT TO REISSUE

WKIHolding Company, Inc. ("WKI") is the owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to the captioned patent. Attached hereto is a Certificate Under 37 CFR § 3.73(b). WKI hereby assents to reissue of the captioned patent and offers to surrender the captioned patent.

WKI HOLDING COMPANY, INC.

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